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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF TWO U.S. CITIZENS IN BEIRUT

1. EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM NBC REP THERE THAT TWO AMERICAN CIVILIAN BUSINESSMEN WERE APPREHENDED BY AN ARAB GROUP IN BEIRUT JUNE 29 AND HELD SIX DAYS BEFORE BEING RELEASED. EMBASSY CAIRO HAS HAD ESSENTIALLY SAME ACCOUNT FROM MEN THEMSELVES, WHO WENT TO CAIRO FROM BEIRUT. THE MEN, WHO WORK FOR TEXAS COMPANY NAMED DRESSER INDUSTRIES, SAY THEY WERE HELD OUTSIDE BEIRUT TOGETHER WITH OTHER PRISONERS (NOT AMERICANS), AND INTERROGATED. THEY WERE NOT MISTREATED, THOUGH OTHER PRISONERS WERE. ON THEIR RELEASE THEY WERE QUESTIONED BY LEBANESE POLICE OR MILITARY AND TAKEN BY THEM DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT. POLICE SAID THEY WOULD REPORT INCIDENT TO U.S. EMBASSY BUT DID NOT DO SO. WE CALLED DRESSER OFFICIAL, WHO PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF INCIDENT BUT SAID HE WOULD CHECK. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, NBC HAS NOT YET CARRIED STORY.

2. WE HAD INSTRUCTED ALL POSTS TO WARN AMERICANS ABOUT TRAVEL TO BEIRUT ON MAY 19. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON JULY 7, WE CONFIDENTIAL

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SENT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL POSTS TO EFFECT THAT NO U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD TRAVEL TO BEIRUT WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM STATE DEPARTMENT; AT SAME TIME WE REAFFIRMED EARLY WARNING FOR ALL AMERICANS. DOD HAS SENT PARALLEL MESSAGE

TO ITS PERSONNEL. INGERSOLL

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